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In re patent application of

Hiroaki MIURA et al.

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For: SOUND ABSORBING MATERIAL AND INTERIOR MATERIAL USING THE
SAME



Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Jeremy R. Pierce

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

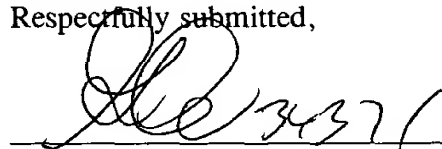
In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-2, for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995).

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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